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## FIFTH ITALIAN RESIGNATION IN FOUR WEEKS: CHIEF OF NAVAL STAFF RELIEVED OF POST: WHO WILL BE NEXT?

LAVAL TO PAY FOR PEACE  
FRENCH FLEET AS PRICE

BELGRADE, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—Annexation by Germany of Alsace-Lorraine and the use of the French Fleet is the price which Herr Hitler is going to ask M. Laval to pay for peace, according to reliable information reaching Belgrade.

It is believed that when M. Laval visits Berlin he will be asked to agree to a peace treaty under which the only territorial concession required of France will be Alsace-Lorraine.

Nothing whatever will be demanded on behalf of Italy.

### OSTENSIBLE REASON

France's colonial empire will remain intact, including Nice, Corsica and Tunis—the ostensible reason for Italy's entry into the war.

It is stated that Herr Hitler will promise M. Laval that the German army will evacuate France, except the Channel ports from where Germany will continue her attack on England.

Even this territory, however, will be placed under French administration.

## China To Raise \$135 Million From Taxes

CHUNGKING, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—By direct taxation, the Administration hopes to collect \$135,000,000 next year from income, profit, stamp, and inheritance taxes, while land tax is expected to yield at \$200,000,000.

This year's revenue up to Nov. 28 includes \$43,900,000 of income tax, \$37,000,000 of profit tax, \$37,000,000 of stamp tax, \$4,700,000 of stamp tax. The inheritance tax which was introduced on July 1, yielded \$2,700.

Next year, the land tax will be paid partly in kind to facilitate the building up of a Government-owned food reserve for the army and general public. The Provincial authorities have been ordered to start collecting land tax on Jan. 1.

## Military Disapproval For Greek Campaign

Yet another resignation in Italy was announced yesterday in a message from London—this is the Chief of the Italian Naval Staff and Under-Secretary for the Navy—ADMIRAL CAVANERI, who, according to a message from Rome, was relieved of his post at his own request. This is the fifth resignation within four weeks and speculation is rife as to who will resign next.

Admiral Cavaneri headed the Italian delegation which negotiated for the French Armistice.

The British Press is of the opinion that these resignations show military disapproval for the Greek campaign, that the whole affair was ill-timed and ill-conducted and that the Italian military and naval chiefs want to throw the whole responsibility for it on Signor Mussolini.

### MR. CYRIL LAKIN

## Ordinary Italian People Must Be Disillusioned: Things Gone Wrong With War

"There must be crisis written on the faces of everyone in Italy today," said MR. CYRIL LAKIN, commentator of political developments, when he spoke in London yesterday on the latest news from Italy regarding the resignation of the Italian Naval Chief of Staff and Under-Secretary for the Navy.

Mr. Lakin declared that the ordinary people in Italy must be feeling disillusioned now and convinced that things had gone wrong with this war. They must know now that the Italian army and navy are in a precarious situation and that the whole campaign had become a disaster.

"Actually, the military situation in Albania is daily becoming more and more desperate for the Italian forces," said Mr. Lakin. "This morning the Italians were retreating almost along the whole front and in the extreme south their retreat must be chaotic. Delvino has been captured and in the north the Greek forces are nearing Elbasan."

"WILL HAVE PORT

"This means that the lateral road is menaced and that the Italians can no longer switch their forces from one flank to another. It means also that the Greeks will soon have a port on the Adriatic."

"And while the R.A.F. are hammering at Italy with the Greeks,

## Today's War Summary

THE CHIEF OF THE ITALIAN NAVAL STAFF HAS BEEN RELIEVED of his post at his own request making this the fifth resignation within four weeks. Admiral Riccardi has been appointed to succeed Admiral Cavaneri. These resignations are said to be military disapproval for the Greek campaign.

THE BRITISH AUXILIARY MERCHANT CRUISER CARNARVON CASTLE, has docked at Montevideo for repairs. Thousands on the waterfront cheered the liner on arrival and she was listing slightly. The captain declared that the officers and men acquitted themselves valiantly and scored a victory though they were unable to catch the German raider.

THE ITALIANS ARE STILL RETREATING ALL ALONG THE SOUTHERN front in Albania. Documents found by the Greeks in their advance into Albania have proved the extent of the pre-meditation of the Italian attack on Greece.

ANNEXATION BY GERMANY OF ALSACE-LORRAINE AND THE USE of the French Fleet is the price which Hitler is going to ask M. Laval to pay for peace, according to reliable information reaching Belgrade.

THERE WAS NO ENEMY AIR ACTIVITY OVER ENGLAND ON SATURDAY night. On the other hand, Royal Air Force bombers successfully attacked targets in Germany and ports in enemy occupied territory.

THE CLOSING OF THE FRENCH INDO-CHINA FRONTIER to all passenger traffic, both foreign and Chinese, has been ordered by the Chinese Government authorities.

CUSTOMS SEARCHERS IN SHANGHAI MADE A SWOOP DOWN on a Butterfield & Swire steamer which resulted in one of the biggest hauls of smuggled gold—55 bars valued at \$320,000—in recent years.

President Roosevelt takes this opportunity to assure King George of Greece of every kind of assistance to the Greeks.

"Am I painting too black a picture of Signor Mussolini's plight?" asked Mr. Lakin. "I don't think so. We are not counting our chickens before they are hatched because the Italians may still put up an obstinate resistance on land. But you cannot help seeing that the Greek successes have become the turning point of the war."

"I wonder what Herr Hitler is thinking," continued Mr. Lakin. "Signor Mussolini's setback, added to his own diplomatic setback cannot have added to his discomfiture. To the Germans the Greek war has become more and more a thorn in their flesh. It is discrediting the Axis in the eyes of the world and has stiffened the attitude of the Balkan countries and even Bulgaria is not so anxious how to jump the Axis way."

"What can Herr Hitler do about it? To attack the Greeks on land would be a dangerous venture and would set the Balkans ablaze and involve Turkey."

"But Signor Mussolini is in a fix and still Herr Hitler hesitates to rush to his aid. Italy though hard pressed would sooner do without his aid in order to keep their own prestige."

### DONE NOTHING

"There is something to be said for this interpretation, because the fact that Germany has so far done nothing to help Italy is not because she won't but that she cannot. Herr Hitler himself may be so hard pressed that he is simply unable to lend Italy the assistance she needs."

"So Herr Hitler is now racking his brains to find another way out. He is even finding trouble in bringing about peace between Italy and Greece and German propaganda has already started working in that direction."

"But what England is going to do is to go on striking harder than ever at Italy until she breaks and the Greeks will not now stop at any half measures while they are on the road to victory."

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## Britain Has No Raids In 24 Hours

### HEAVY ATTACKS BY R.A.F. OVER GERMANY

It is now almost twenty-four hours since German planes have been over Britain, stated a London message. Nothing, however, has stopped the Royal Air Force from carrying out heavy raids against enemy targets.

British bombers again carried out heavy and sustained attacks on industrial and military targets in the Dusseldorf area, while other targets included centres in Antwerp, Dunkirk, Calais and Boulogne. Aerodromes in Holland, Belgium and France were also reported to have been attacked by the R.A.F.

### DUSSELDORF BLAZE

The raids on the Dusseldorf area were particularly heavy and steel works, gas works and fuel depots were stated to have been attacked. The largest fire ever seen was let blazing by the British airmen in Dusseldorf.

The last enemy raid on Britain was in Yarmouth, since then not a single German plane has crossed the British coast.

The weather report yesterday stated: "The sun is shining brightly in a cloudless blue sky over the Straits of Dover. The sea is calm, with a cold northwest wind."

## JUMBLING OF GERMAN POLICY IN FAR EAST

## Ingenious Method Employed To Explain Failure To Recognise Wang Regime

THE JUMBLING OF GERMAN POLICY IN THE FAR EAST is revealed in the ingenious German effort to explain Germany's failure to recognise Wang Ching-wei's regime, states a message from London.

It is clear now that Germany intends to use the recognition of Wang as a bargaining counter with Japan for more active methods against Britain in the Far East. Thus, Germany's role as trouble-maker has even spread to the Far East.

The great factor in Far East developments will be Russia, who, according to a message from Moscow, quoted in the London message, is preparing to meet any emergency.

At a military conference held in Moscow, the head of the political section stated that in view of the international situation, the Red Army must be prepared to defend the motherland.

In the meantime, Germany's diplomatic campaign, which was intended to bring most of Europe under the "New Order," has come to a standstill and even German propaganda seems to have lost its bearings, states the London message.

### OLD STORY

German broadcasts have now had to fall back on the old story of Britain being unable to stand up to German air attacks and to U-Boat attacks on shipping. This has been the burden of countless broadcasts from stations under German control.

This propaganda campaign is intended as a stop-gap, because the Germans have nothing to say about their diplomatic policy in Europe or their partner's military failure in Albania.

Germany's diplomacy has now fallen back to France again as shown in the announcement that

## ROOSEVELT PLEDGES U.S. AID TO GREECE Hard, Unequal Struggle Country Engaged In

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (REUTER) — PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT PLEDGED AMERICAN AID TO GREECE IN AN EXCHANGE OF MESSAGES WITH KING GEORGE II.

President Roosevelt's pledge was given in answer to a message from King George for the American aid already received.

The President's message says: "As your Majesty knows it is the settled policy of the United States Government to extend aid to those governments and peoples who defend themselves against aggression. I assure your Majesty that steps are being taken to extend such aid to Greece, which is defending herself so gallantly."

In his message to Mr. Roosevelt, King George declared, "This war in which my country is engaged is a hard and unequal struggle forced upon it by an enemy whose actions are motivated by cruelty and violence. I am deeply moved by the warm sympathy and keen interest manifested by the nation which destines you guide."

The weather report yesterday stated: "The sun is shining brightly in a cloudless blue sky over the Straits of Dover. The sea is calm, with a cold northwest wind."

"Americans are aware that the Greek nation is again fighting for the principles of justice, truth, and liberty, without which life is inconceivable. I wish to assure you that with the help of the Almighty we will march forward until our

### NOT SPECIFIED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (REUTER) — President Roosevelt's message to King George did not specify what kind of help was to be given to Greece, but mentioned that the Red Cross had already sent substantial funds and supplies.

It is known, however, that officials in Washington are studying the question as to what her military supplies could be spared without reducing Britain's share.

### ONLY PLANES

A Legation official specified only planes in discussing with reporters what type of aid might be forthcoming. He emphasised, however, that Greece had been given an opportunity to purchase whatever available war supplies she needed.

It was learned in other quarters that the Greeks are chiefly anxious to buy materials that are immediately available.

### ANY KIND

The United States has offered to Greece "any kind of help she wants, including war planes," declared a Greek Legation official yesterday.

### GENERAL APPROVED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (REUTER) — President Roosevelt's message to Greece, announcing aid for Greece, is generally approved in the capital.

## Macao Sweep Results

The following are the results of the Cash Sweeps at the Macao Race meeting yesterday:

### RACE 1

No. 65 ..... \$247.00  
No. 421 ..... 70.00  
No. 197 ..... 33.50

Ticket Nos. 172, 423, 126 and 238 get \$1.50 each.

### RACE 2

No. 240 ..... \$250.50

No. 173 ..... 74.10

No. 469 ..... 37.10

Ticket Nos. 23 and 212 get \$20.00 each.

### RACE 3

No. 90 ..... \$291.10

No. 197 ..... 83.10

No. 159 ..... 41.00

Ticket Nos. 4 and 140 get \$22.00 each.

### RACE 4

No. 166 ..... \$204.40

No. 222 ..... 58.40

No. 164 ..... 29.20

Ticket No. 43 gets \$24.40.

### RACE 5

No. 18279 ..... \$6,674.43

No. 1224 ..... 2,478.40

No. 4208 ..... 1,139.20

Ticket Nos. 21067, 17358, 13636,



# In the World of Sports

**SATURDAY'S FOOTBALL:**

## KWONG WAH REGISTER FIRST LEAGUE WIN AGAINST CLUB

PLAYING IN AID OF THE HONGKONG REFUGEE AND SOCIAL WELFARE COUNCIL, and under the distinguished patronage of H.E. Major-General A. E. Grasset, Kwong Wah registered their first victory of the season at the expense of Club by the odd goal in seven at Boundary Street on Saturday.

Kwong Wah thoroughly deserved Kwong Wah further increased their first brace of points as for the lead through Wong King-chung and Club's last goal was netted by Fowler as the result of a miskick by Chung Fal-lam.

**KWONG WAH**—Lee Kwok-kei; Chung Fal-lam, Leung Pak-wah; Lee Wah-chi, Cheung Kim-fai, Cheung Wing; Cheuk Shek-kam, Tin Yung-fat, Chin Chi-fun, Lau Fook-chuen and Wong King-chung.

**CLUB**—Odeil, Strange, Eardley; Skinner, Upton, Gow; Grattan, Scott, Fowler, Blackford and Hopkinson.

**POINTS FOR S.C.A.A.**

Though defeated by three clear goals Royals Scots put up a much better fight against South China than the score would indicate. The Scots' defence played a sterling game and had the strong Chinese attack well checked.

After a goal netted by Garrie, Scots' right-winger, had been disallowed, South China opened the account when Chan Tak-fai, receiving a pass from Lee Tak-ki, beat Bankier with a smashing drive. Continuing to be on the offensive the champions went further ahead through Lee Wai-tong.

**LAST GOAL**

In the second half Royal's enjoyed more of the game but Tsang Chung-wan and Tse Kam-hung proved equal to the occasion and tried as the Scots did they found them an obstacle hard to overcome. In the last few minutes of the game Lee Wai-tong, eluding the Scots' halves, initiated a fine movement for Chan Tak-fai to put the issue beyond doubt.

**SOUTH CHINA**—Tam Kwan-kon; Tsang Chung-wan, Tse Kam-hung; Lau Hung-choi, Lam Tak-pou, Lau Chung-sang; Lee Tak-kee, Chow Man-chi, Chan Tak-fai, Lee Wai-tong and Lee Shek-yau.

**ROYAL SCOTS**—Bankier; Naysmith, Fraser, Parry, Palmer, Clark, Garric, Marshall, Hossack, Munro and Gilroy.

The first Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

**MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE**

No one without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, Exchange Building (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Telephone 21920).

**PUBLIC ENCLOSURE**

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,  
C. B. BROWN,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 8th December, 1940.  
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## K.O.Y.L.I. CUP POLO

**One-Sided Win For H.K.S.R.A. "A"**

H.K.S.R.A. "A" beat H.K.S.R.A. "B" by 12 goals to 2 in a very one-sided K.O.Y.L.I. Polo Cup Final at Boundary Street on Saturday.

Major Fenfold (2), Major Wilson (5) and Lieut. Smith (5) scored for the winners, and Major Fisher scored both the "B" team goals.

The teams were:—

H.K.S.R.A. "A": Lieut. L. Feilden (No. 4), Major R. Fenfold (No. 3), Major W. Wilson (No. 2) and Lieut. B. R. Smith (No. 1).

H.K.S.R.A. "B": Capt. H. Duncan (No. 4), Major C. Fisher (No. 3), Capt. J. Monroe (No. 2) and Capt. A. Atkinson (No. 1).

The Final was preceded by a Subsidiary Cup game in which Fixed Defences beat Middlesex Regiment by four clear goals. Major Hunt (2), Col. Way and Capt. Forrester were the scorers.

The teams were:—

Fixed Defences: Major W. Morgan (No. 4), Major E. Hunt (No. 3), Capt. B. Forrester (No. 2) and Col. J. D. Way (No. 1).

Middlesex Regt.: Lieut. F. Hancock (No. 4), Capt. T. Chattey (No. 3), Capt. W. Chattey (No. 2) and Capt. R. Guest (No. 1).

## K.C.C. DEFEAT ARMY BY SEVEN WICKETS

**D. HUNG IS TOP SCORER**

Kowloon Cricket Club beat the Army by seven wickets in a friendly cricket match played at Cox's Path yesterday.

**ARMY**

L/Cpl. C. Logan, c. E. C. Fincher, b. F. Zimmerman ..... 0

Capt. T. E. Lawrence, lbw. Lloyd ..... 1

Pte. F. Bateman, run out ..... 1

Sgt. J. Webb, c. Rapley, b. Anderson ..... 27

Sgt. A. Tropp, not out ..... 24

Major D. C. E. Grose, b. Curtis ..... 0

Capt. J. Fielden, b. Curtis ..... 0

Sgt. G. Denyer, b. Zimmerman ..... 18

Sgt. W. French, c. Curtis b. Zimmerman ..... 1

Extras (B15) ..... 15

Total: ..... 92

**BOWLING ANALYSIS**

O. M. R. W.

Zimmerman ..... 8 1 32 4

Lloyd ..... 6 1 21 1

Anderson ..... 2 0 3 1

Curtis ..... 4 0 21 3

**K.C.C.**

D. J. N. Anderson, c. Logan b. Fergus ..... 15

Fergus ..... 7.1 0 24 2

D. Hung, c. Tropp b. Fergus ..... 33

E. F. Fincher, lbw. French ..... 10

N. A. E. Mackay, not out ..... 25

A. Zimmerman, not out ..... 1

Extras (WB1) ..... 1

Total (for 3 wkt.) ..... 93

**SPORTING FIXTURES****TODAY**

**BADMINTON**—“A” Division: Universality “B” v. Recreatio.

**BILLIARDS**—Y. M. C. A.—Billiards Match 7.30-11 p.m.

**SWIMMING**—Y.M.C.A. Swimming and Swimming Instruction.

**TOMORROW**

**MEETING**—Extraordinary General of the Y.M.C.A. Hockey Club, in the Ground Floor Lounge, 8.30 p.m.

**SWIMMING**—Y.M.C.A. Mixed Swimming, 8-8 p.m.

## FOOTBALL REFEREES AT DINNER

**AN ENJOYABLE FUNCTION**

There was a large gathering present at the annual dinner of the Hongkong Football Referees' Association held at the Hotel Cecil on Saturday night.

Mr. Hugh A. Beard, Chairman of the Association, presided and among the guests were Mr. Wong, Katsun, Chairman of the Hongkong Football Association, Mr. T. Coleman, J. F. McGowan, M. N. Rakusin (skip) 21; V. C. Labrum, P. S. Cassidy, S. H. Dodwell, L. C. F. Bellamy (skip) 7; A. C. Tribble, F. Flippance, J. G. Meyer, F. Goodwin (skip) 11; W. A. Cornell, B. D. Evans, W. Ward, J. Watson (skip) 17; R. P. Phillips, H. G. Wellington, J. C. Gill, A. J. Hall (skip) 21.

Total: 96.

The scores were:—

St. George's: G. E. F. Thompson, E. V. Seale, D. W. Waterton, G. H. Sheriff (skip) 19; S. Eccleshall,

T. Coleman, J. F. McGowan, M. N. Rakusin (skip) 21; V. C. Labrum, P. S. Cassidy, S. H. Dodwell, L. C. F. Bellamy (skip) 7; A. C. Tribble, F. Flippance, J. G. Meyer, F. Goodwin (skip) 11; W. A. Cornell, B. D. Evans, W. Ward, J. Watson (skip) 17; R. P. Phillips, H. G. Wellington, J. C. Gill, A. J. Hall (skip) 21.

Total: 96.

The toast to H. M. the King was proposed by the Chairman while that to the H. K. F. A. was proposed by Mr. M. Minihan, and replied to by Mr. Wong Ka-tsun.

Mr. David Kosick proposed the toast "The Referees' Association" United Kingdom, while Lieut.-Col. the Rev. S. Hinckliffe, B. A. S. C. F. toasted "Our Guests" Mr. Chen responding.

Following the dinner there was a splendid programme of entertainment comprised by Mr. Kosick and to which the following artistes contributed:—Messrs. Freddy Archer, Les Gibson (magician), Stanley Hinckliffe, Mike Minihan, M. Feasegood, Bill Samways, the Harmony Three and Mr. Kosick himself.

Total: 153.

## QUADRANGULAR RUGBY TOURNEY

**CLUB HOLD NAVY TO A DRAW**

Club dropped a valuable point on Saturday in their bid for Quadrangular Rugby Tournament honours when they drew at 5 points-all with Navy on their home ground after being 5-0 down at the cross over.

A draw was a fair result, though Club were unfortunate in having to take the field without Thomson and Charter, two of their best players. Both are on the injured list.

Navy brought in Rutherford at scrum-half for the game and brought Boyden out to the wing in place of Kennedy. In the full back line, Paul changed places with Honeywell.

Navy had the better of the first half and started off at a fast pace. This wore off considerably in the second half and poor handling by the Club and unnecessary kicking saved Navy from defeat.

Navy scored early in the first half through Bowden, who ducked under a high tackle from Bosanquet and broke through the Club centre for an excellent try between the posts. Paul converted.

Club's equaliser came early in the second half when Stewart cut through the defence for a try on receiving a pass from Bosanquet. Aitkenhead took care of the goal point.

The teams were:—

CLUB—Thompson, Stewart, Day, Carruthers and Bosanquet; Aitkenhead and Morgan; Heasman, Purford, Macrae; Needham, Galdrin; Kennedy, Taylor and Davies.

NAVY—Morahan, Bowden, Paul, Honeywell and McGill.

Or Jordan and Rutherford; Palmer, Watson, Longmuir, Beattie, Taylor; Brown, King and Poole.

**POLICE DEFEATED**

At Sookuno, a greatly weakened Army XV beat the Police by two goals. A penalty goal and two tries (19 pts.) to a try (3 pts.) in the Quadrangular Tournament. Army led 11-0 at the interval.

After only five minutes of play, Army scored when awarded a

a penalty kick. Millar landed a

goal from 35 yards out. Three

minutes later Police were award-

ed a penalty from about the

same distance but Millar failed to

convert.

Police applied pressure in the

second half and were rewarded

with a try but Millar failed in

the kick. Coombes and Pitton ad-

ded two further tries for Army.

Ford scoring a goal.

The teams were:—

POLICE—Reynolds, Howlett, Times and Dingdale; Jackson and Riddell; Jennings, Lewis, Cullinan; Hogarth, Oakley, Wright, Nooth, Dempsey and Gough.

ARMY—Parclay, Pitton, Willis,

Coombes and McDonald; Hook

and Wedderburn; Sutherland, Ford

Bonnie, Millar, Eddie, Pitton, Duke and Gillan.

Ying-ki netted with a beautiful header.

Encouraged by this Sing Tao

went all out, the whole team going

up to help the forwards except the

two backs and within a minute

obtained the equaliser. Tang

Kwong-sum making a dash down

the right sent in a high shot

which Lau Hin-hon caught but

worried by several opposing for-

wards, Lau threw the ball straight

at Tang who made no mistake

with his shot.

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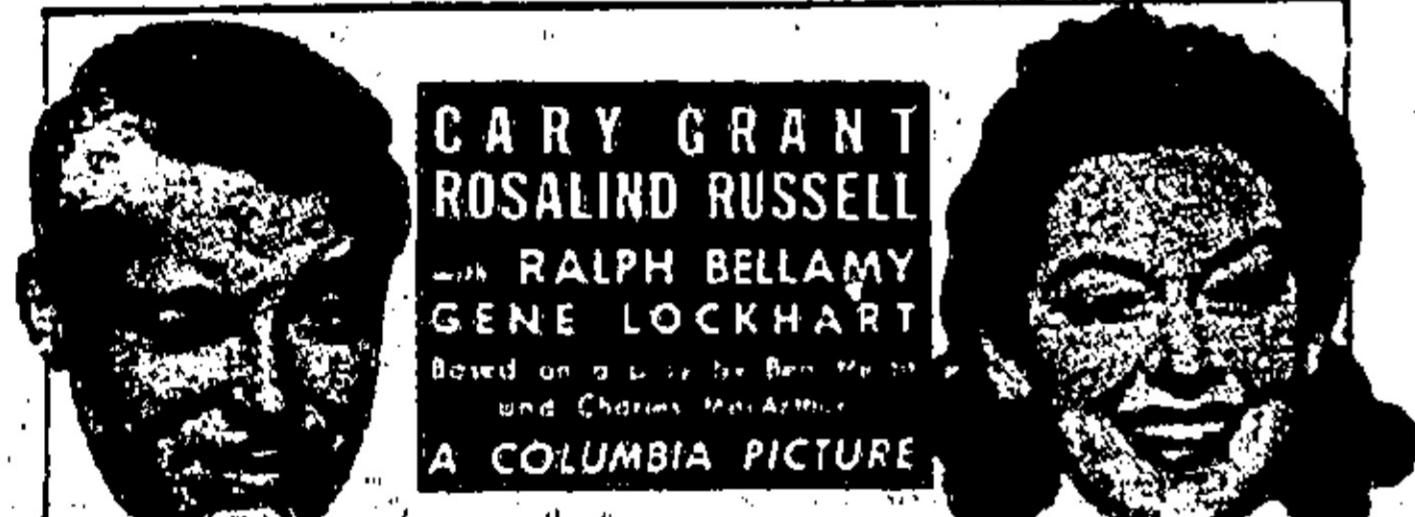
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Mr. John Redman, B.Sc. Tech., AM.C.T., A.I.C., has been appointed to act as Government Chemist during the absence on leave of Mr. Victor Cecil Branson, M.C., AR.C.S., B.Sc., D.I.C., F.I.C., with effect from Dec. 2.

The following have been permitted to quit the Hongkong Defence Reserve: Charles Edward Clarke and Leslie William Watson, with effect from Nov. 30. Mr. Gustav Charles Canaval and Lewis Rudolf Shore, with effect from Dec. 2.

## COMING EVENTS

DEC. 9—Tides: High 4:50 a.m. and 8:25 p.m. Low 11:44 a.m. Sunrise: 6:53 a.m.; Sunset: 5:39 p.m. Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.) Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon. H.K. Society for Protection of Children. Annual Meeting, Helena May Inst., 6:30 p.m.

Crown Land Sale, P.W.D., 8 p.m. YMCA: Women's War Work, 9 a.m.—12 noon; Swimming and Swimming Instruction; Billiards Match, 7:30 p.m.

H.K. University Arts Assn. Speech Competition, 8:30 p.m. H.E. the Acting Governor returns to Government House from Fanling Lodge.

H.E. the Acting Governor to visit Kennedy Town Leprosy Settlement. St. Andrew's Hall: Lecture by Mr. D. K. Paul on "The Difficulties of the Modern World and a Proposed Solution," 9 p.m.

St. Andrew's Fellowship of Youth, 6:15 p.m. Kowloon Union Church Club Meeting, 8:30 p.m.

10—Tides: High 6:20 a.m. and 8:54 p.m. Low 12:40 a.m. and 11:58 a.m. Sunrise: 6:53 a.m.; Sunset: 5:40 p.m. Claims against estate of Chas. Lapenitz due.

H.K. Rotary Club Tiffin Meeting, 1 p.m.

Evacuation Representative Committee Meeting, Peninsula Hotel, 5:15 p.m.

Y.M.C.A.: Badminton & Swimming, 6 p.m.—8 p.m.; Extraordinary General Meeting of Hockey Club, 6:30 p.m.; Billiards Social, 8 p.m.

H.K. University Economic Society—Address by Miss K. J. Archer on "The International Organisation of Hongkong," 8:30 p.m.

H.K. University Science Society. General Meeting, 8:30 p.m.

11—Tides: High 7:25 a.m. and 7:15 p.m. Low 12:29 a.m. and 12:30 p.m. Sunrise: 6:53 a.m.; Sunset: 5:40 p.m. Ying Wah Alumni O.H.A. Reunion Dinner, Ong Lok Yuen, Des Voeux Road.

Badminton League starts.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.

Kowloon Chess Club, Annual Dinner, 8 p.m.

King's College, Prize Day, 11 a.m.

H.K.P.A. Council Meeting, 5:30 p.m.

Y.M.C.A.: Women's War Work, 9 a.m.—12 noon; Swimming and Swimming Instruction; Chess Night, 8 p.m.—11 p.m.

All-China Exhibition of Pictorial Photography, Cafe Wiseman, 4 p.m.

12—Tides: High 8:20 a.m. and 1:36 p.m. Low 2:06 a.m. and 1:07 p.m.

Sunrise: 6:53 a.m.; Sunset: 5:40 p.m.

H.K. Y's Men's Club Tiffin Mtg., 1 p.m.

Y.M.C.A.: Squash, 6 p.m.—11 p.m.; Hockey, 4:30 p.m.; Swimming, Compulsory Service Tribunal, Council Chamber, 4 p.m.

13—Tides: High 8:07 a.m. and 8:03 p.m. Low 2:43 a.m. and 1:45 p.m.

Sunrise: 6:53 a.m.; Sunset: 5:40 p.m.

Claims against A.E.G. Electric Co., H.K., Telge and Schroeter, H.K., German Leather Trading Co., H.K., (in liquidation) due.

H.K. Chinese Women's Club, Bazaar.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.

Music Hall, 1940—China Fleet Club Theatre

Criminal Sessions, Commerce, 10 a.m.

14—Tides: High 9:50 a.m. and 5:35 p.m. Low 3:22 a.m. and 2:18 p.m.

Sunrise: 6:53 a.m.; Sunset: 5:41 p.m.

H.K. Chinese Women's Club Bazaar.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.

Music Hall, 1940—China Fleet Club Theatre

15—Tides: High 10:23 a.m. and 9:06 p.m. Low 3:58 a.m. and 2:56 p.m.

Sunrise: 6:53 a.m.; Sunset: 5:41 p.m.

H.K. Golf Championships, semi-final

H.K. Chinese Women's Club Exhibit.

Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group, 9 p.m.

Entries close for H.K. Polo Club's R.A. Cup Competition.

Music Hall, 1940—China Fleet Club Theatre.

16—Tides: High 11:46 a.m. and 8:41 p.m. Low 4:28 a.m. and 3:25 p.m.

Sunrise: 6:53 a.m.; Sunset: 5:42 p.m.

Ladies' Working Party (B.W.O.F.), Govt. House, 9 a.m.—12 noon.

Claims against Kruse & Co., Deutscher Club, Transocean News Service, Patis Petersen, Degesch & Degussa (Haus Horst), G. Hartig, Heinz Aratz, Helmut Nocht (in liquidation) due.

H.K. Polo Club, R.A. Cup Competition starts.

17—Tides: High 12:59 a.m. and 11:21 p.m. Low 5:41 a.m. and 4:33 p.m.

Sunrise: 6:53 a.m.; Sunset: 5:43 p.m.

H.K. Golf Championships, semi-final

H.K. Chinese Women's Club Exhibit.

Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group, 9 p.m.

Entries close for H.K. Polo Club's R.A. Cup Competition.

Music Hall, 1940—China Fleet Club Theatre.

18—Tides: High 1:12 a.m. and 10:45 p.m.

Sunrise: 6:53 a.m.; Sunset: 5:44 p.m.

H.K. Golf Championships, semi-final

H.K. Chinese Women's Club Exhibit.

Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group, 9 p.m.

Entries close for H.K. Polo Club's R.A. Cup Competition.

Music Hall, 1940—China Fleet Club Theatre.

19—Tides: High 2:25 a.m. and 11:58 p.m.

Sunrise: 6:53 a.m.; Sunset: 5:45 p.m.

H.K. Golf Championships, semi-final

H.K. Chinese Women's Club Exhibit.

Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group, 9 p.m.

Entries close for H.K. Polo Club's R.A. Cup Competition.

Music Hall, 1940—China Fleet Club Theatre.

20—Tides: High 3:38 a.m. and 1:11 p.m.

Sunrise: 6:53 a.m.; Sunset: 5:46 p.m.

H.K. Golf Championships, semi-final

H.K. Chinese Women's Club Exhibit.

Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group, 9 p.m.

Entries close for H.K. Polo Club's R.A. Cup Competition.

Music Hall, 1940—China Fleet Club Theatre.

21—Tides: High 4:51 a.m. and 2:24 p.m.

Sunrise: 6:53 a.m.; Sunset: 5:47 p.m.

H.K. Golf Championships, semi-final

H.K. Chinese Women's Club Exhibit.

Y.M.C.A. Discussion Group, 9 p.m.

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10—Tides: High 6:20 a.m. and 8:54 p.m.

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## SHARP CLEAVAGE BETWEEN ARMY AND FASCIST PARTY

### Gen. De Vicchi Resigns: Bitter Rome Conferences

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—Another outstanding Italian military leader has followed Marshal Badoglio into retirement. He is General de Vicchi, the Commander-in-Chief of the Italian forces in the Dodecanese Islands, which have been cut off from sea communication with Italy for several months.

The official announcement, issued by Stefani, the Government news agency, states that General de Vicchi has been relieved of his command at his own request, but proffers no further details.

Ankara observers, however, see three commanders in three weeks in the retirement a further sign in the fighting in Albania. Of the sharp cleavage between the Army and the Fascist Party in war, broadcasting from Berlin, said Italy, which is given addition the resignation was most interesting emphasis by the circumstance in as Marshal Badoglio is known that General de Vicchi was one of to be a staunch monarchist and a the four Army chiefs who went close friend of King Victor Emmanuel to the Blackshirts and took manuel part in the march on Rome.

Rome reports indicate that bitter conferences have been taking me a battalion and I'll clear these place in Rome this week between black-shirted scum in half and Mussolini and the Italian Army hour.

#### STORMY MEETINGS

**BADOGLIO RESIGNATION**  
The resignation of Marshal Badoglio as Supreme Commander of the Italian armed forces produced a veritable sensation in Rome, according to the correspondent of the Swiss newspaper Tribune de Genève yesterday.

The correspondent adds that Marshal Badoglio, as the greatest soldier in Italy, enjoyed immense prestige and the respect and affection of the entire nation.

Meanwhile, Turkey, is smiling over the resignation, which is interpreted in Ankara as an admission that the war in Albania is going very badly indeed.

**REPERCUSSIONS AWAITED**  
Repercussions of the resignation are awaited with great interest.

Ankara radio yesterday mentioned the controversy between the Italian army and the Fascist Party.

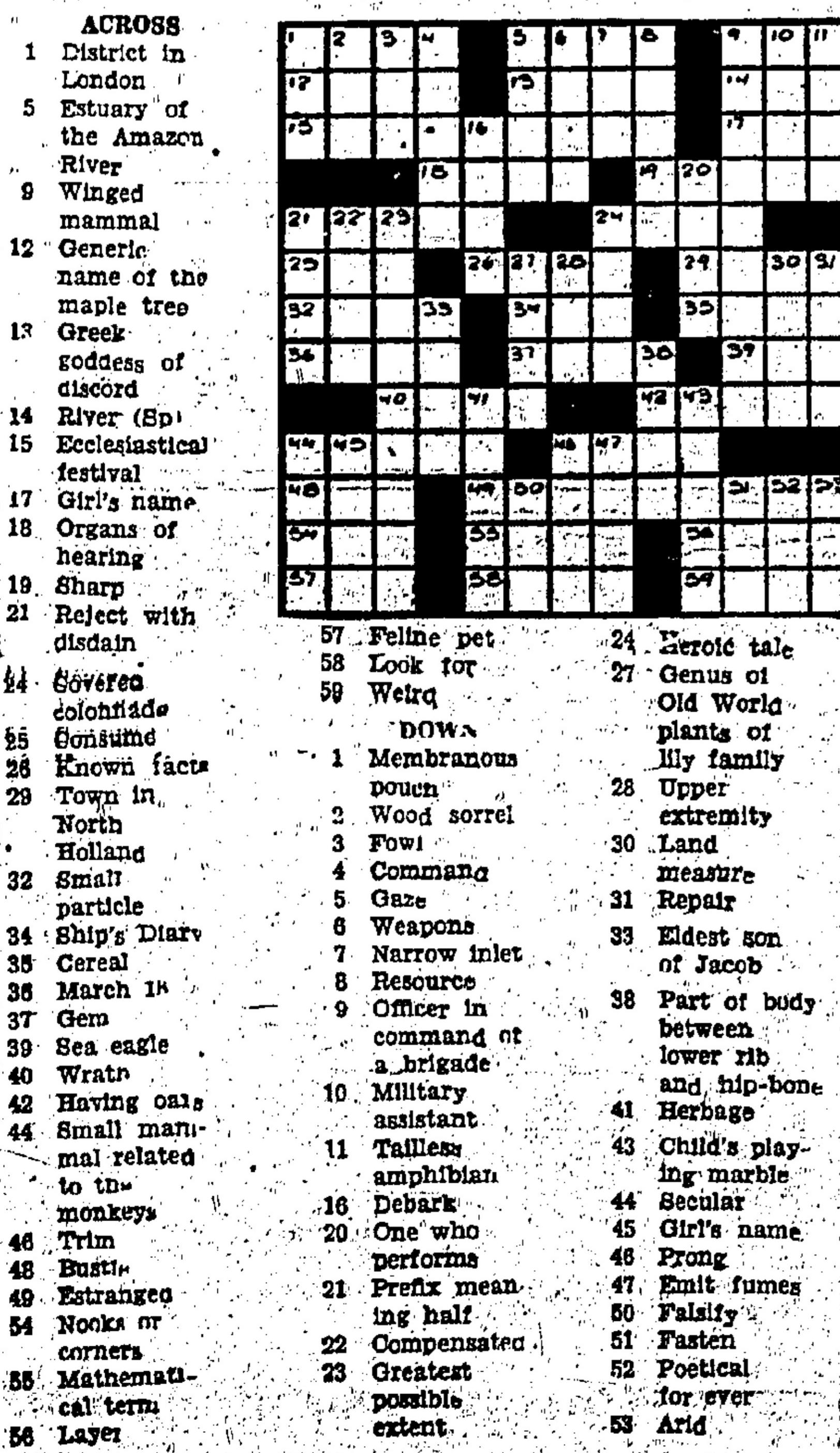
According to this report the Army did not want to enter the European war but Mussolini thought the struggle against Britain and France would be short.

It is also pointed out that the Italian people all along have been opposed to fighting a war alongside of Germany.

**IRONIC COMMENT**  
The announcer also ironically commented on the fact that Mussolini changes his commander-in-chief to the unpaid British War Debt, Sir Frederick replied once a week.

The Italian forces have had no.

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### GENERAL

## CHANGE IN TOKYO GOVT. FORESHADOWED

### SOVIET REITERATION OF CHINA POLICY WELCOMED IN U.S.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—Moscow reports that Soviet policy towards China remains unchanged have created satisfaction here where the news confirms the belief expressed at the time that Japan's injection of anti-Communist sentiment into her treaties with Wang Ching-wei could do her no good and possibly much damage.

The Moscow statement of policy seems to be the first fruits accruing to that error of judgment; and in face of the Soviet statement observers in Washington believe Japan will be in no position to withdraw any of the many troops to withdraw any of the many troops the state of her relations with Russia compels her to maintain on the borders of Manchuria.

The situation now created does not seem to have improved the chances of the new Japanese Ambassador to Russia, General Yoshitsugu Tatekawa, to effect a rapprochement with Moscow.

In addition, it is reported in Washington, Berlin's inability to persuade Moscow to accept such a rapprochement is having an effect on Tokyo's previous beliefs in the power of the Axis.

#### KONOYE WORRIES

These matters, plus the Italian reverses, which reports in Washington indicate may yet have catastrophic proportions in their internal results, and the German failure to subdue England, would account for some of the worries of the Konoye regime, which are stated to be serious.

In view of the reported dissatisfaction in Japan over Prince Konoye's policies, the failure of Mr. Yosuke Matsukata, the Japanese Foreign Minister, to secure any diplomatic successes or to persuade for many weeks any Japanese to accept the Washington ambassadorship, might easily lead to yet another change in the Tokyo Government in the near future, it is thought in Washington.

#### JAPAN DIVIDED

At any rate, informed American circles believe Japan is far too divided internally to proceed further with her dreams of empire for some time.

Some quarters in Washington claim to have received private information that the division between the Japanese army and navy continues to widen and that recently the fear of another uprising revolt, such as the 1933 uprising with Soviet Russia.

### "CHALLENGE TO JAPAN"

### HOCHI SHIMBUN ON AMERICAN LOAN TO CHINA

TOKYO, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—"Such a loan is nothing but challenging war with Japan," declared the Tokyo newspaper Hochi Shimbun yesterday, commenting in an editorial on the decision of the United States to grant a loan of U.S.\$100,000,000 to China.

It is like throwing bombs against the foundation work for establishment of a new order in East Asia and has given an unforgettable and unpleasant impression to Japanese people."

The "Hochi" advocates the further strengthening of relations with the Axis powers, as well as an early adjustment of relations with Soviet Russia.

### GOVERNOR OF MADAGASCAR DISMISSED

#### CANADIAN APPOINTEE TO VICHY GOVT.

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—The Vichy Government has dismissed two more important colonial officials.

One is the Governor-General of Madagascar and the other the High Commissioner for the Camerons, M. Richard Brunet.

The latter has already joined the Free French Forces, and has just been appointed to head the colonial department at General de Gaulle's London headquarters.

Meanwhile, French India is also supporting Free France. Yesterday a resolution was passed in Pondicherry, pledging wholehearted support to General de Gaulle.

**CANADIAN OBSERVER**  
A Canadian diplomat has been appointed as observer to the Vichy Government. It was announced yesterday.

He is M. Dupuis, formerly First Secretary of the Canadian Legation in Paris, who has been in London since the collapse of France.

M. Dupuis has not been officially accredited to Vichy but will give Marshal Petain a true picture of Britain and of the immense forces which are arrayed against Germany.

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#### SCIENTIST BOUND OVER FOR LIBEL

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—At the Hampshire Assizes, William Ernest Frank Jones, described as a monetary scientist and former adviser to the Salt Revenue Administration of the Central Chinese Government and who claimed to have been appointed Economic Adviser to the Chinese Government, was bound over for five years on three charges of publishing defamatory libel against Lord Beaverbrook.

The prosecution stated that the libels sent on postcards through the post were so utterly ridiculous that it was not suggested that they did any particular harm.

It was stated that Jones was awarded the D.F.C. in the last war, and the Judge in binding Jones over, said that he had remembered the services which accused had rendered to the country in the past and added, "I am disposed to think that study of financial problems has benumbed your mind."

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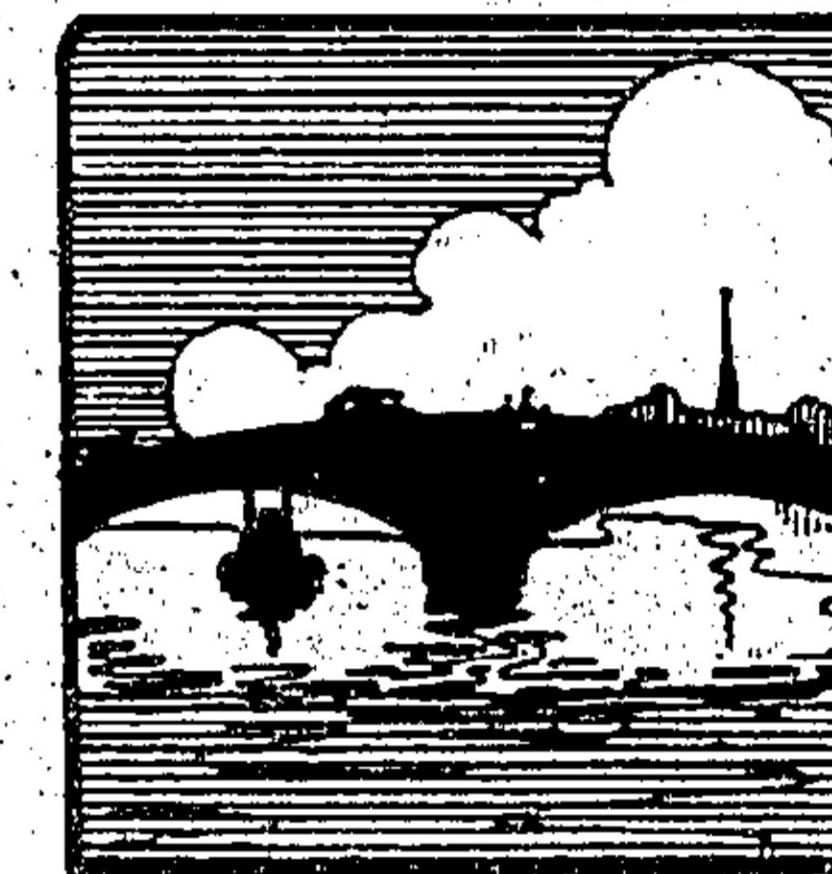
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## MEMORIAL SERVICE

### LATE MR. SZETO CHUNG

A memorial service for the late Mr. Szeto Chung, Corps Superintendent of the St. John Ambulance Brigade, took place on Saturday afternoon at the Chinese Y. M. C. A. with a large attendance of about 500 members of the St. John Ambulance Association and Brigade.

The Assembly Hall was solemnly decorated and the late Corps Superintendent's photograph was in the centre of the platform.

Divisional Superintendent Wong Kam-cheung, of the Y. M. C. A. Division, took the chair and Rev. T. S. Young, Assistant Commissioner E. M. Raymond, District Officer T. K. Chak and Mr. L. K. Cheung of the "Y" spoke.

Samuel, the eldest son of the deceased, thanked all present for their attendance.

#### THOSE PRESENT

Among those present were Rev. T. S. Young, Assistant Commissioner E. M. Raymond, Dr. J. E. Dovey, Supervisor and Training Officer, District Officer T. K. Chak, Corps Superintendent Y. I. Chan, Corps Officer Alice Kwok and Divisional Superintendents Wong Kam Cheung, S. W. Sit, U Kal-cheung, Tsui Yan-hing, Lam Tse-fung, Tse Long-chiu, Fan Shiu-nam, Allen Laf, Chan Man-kai, Lam Sing-yue, B. A. Hyder, S. K. Wan, Chan Ping-kwong, Leung Kam-chuen and many other Officers and representatives of the Brigade.

The Assistant Commissioner said, in part:—

The late Corps Superintendent Szeto Chung whose death at the Queen Mary Hospital on Oct. 23 was such a sad and deeply mourned loss, had a long and very distinguished career with the Brigade. He was the oldest Chinese member of the Brigade in the Colony.

On Nov. 19 1937, he was invested with the Venerable Order of St. John in the Grade of Associate Serving Brother, an honour which is conferred by His Majesty the King, Sovereign Head of our Order.

### FUNERAL OF SISTER GONSALVES

The funeral of Sister Maria das Mercedes Umbelina Constanca Gonsalves (Sister Mercy), who passed away on Saturday afternoon at the St. Joseph's Building, took place yesterday afternoon at the Catholic Cemetery. H. E. Bishop H. Valdor officiated at the graveside.

Born in China 74 years ago, Sister Gonsalves had rendered long and valuable services in this Colony.

Among those present at the graveside were: Miss I. de Jesus, Mrs. C. Remedios, Mrs. T. Rosario, Miss C. Gardner, Miss L. M. de Souza, Miss A. de Souza, Mrs. R. M. de Souza, Miss C. Remedios, Mrs. M. E. S. Remedios, Miss A. Alves, Mrs. C. Silva, Mrs. E. Rosario, Miss C. Barros, Miss Emily Teng, Miss C. Place, Mr. A. Baleros, Sister Doris, Sister Anna, Mrs. Leo d'Almada e Castro, Mr. and Mrs. J. Noronha, Mr. A. Souza, Dr. C. Roza, Rev. Fr. G. M. Spada, Father Rosello, Father Fung, Messrs. J. M. Vieira, Jr., P. N. Xavier, J. Baptista, A. Demee, A. Baptista, J. B. Xavier, J. Sousa, J. R. Castilho, A. C. Eitelho, and E. Portario.

### FUN-FAIR AT ST. ANDREWS

The church lawns were turned into a sunny playground and the pastor's residence into a popular rendezvous on Saturday when a Fun Fair was held at Christ Church, Kowloon Tong.

The fair was held under the distinguished patronage of the Acting Governor, Lieut.-Gen. E. F. Norton, and was formally opened by Miss Rosamund Kung, daughter of Dr. H. H. Kung, Minister of Finance of China.

In addition to many favourite side-shows, such as coconut shies, "Aunt Sally," depth charge and golf putting, there were many useful articles, Knitted goods and home products on sale.

The tea party, which was held at the Rev. J. C. Wong's house in the late afternoon, attracted a large social gathering and proved a great success.

The funds raised, which amounted to about \$300, went to finance the Church in the coming year.



## GENERAL SUCCESSFUL TENDERERS NOTIFIED

The following names of successful tenderers are notified for general information:

Messrs. Lam Woo & Co.—For construction of Sand bins at Central Government Store, North Point.

Messrs. Fook Lee & Co.—For police huts at Bay View, Stanley and Mongkok.

Messrs. Cheong Hing—For Police Recreation ground, cutting back slopes.

Messrs. Tung Shan & Co.—For A.R.P. report centre at Hung Hom Police Station; for the maintenance and repair of and alterations and additions to Government buildings.

Messrs. Sang Hop & Co.—For providing and fitting boundary posts to quarries etc.; and the fixing of bench marks and picket boxes.

Messrs. Lai Kee & Co.—For reinforced concrete depots.

Messrs. Tak Hing & Co.—For additions and alterations to Water Police Station, Tsimshatsui.

Messrs. Kin Lee & Co.—For maintenance and repair to Port Works.

Messrs. Sai Hing & Co., Ltd.—For provision of junk transport to Government Grab Dredgers Nos. 1 & 2.

#### TENDERS INVITED

Tenders are invited for blood and hair contract, Matsukok; slaughter house contract, Saitwanho; slaughter house contract, Aberdeen; blood and hair contract, Kennedy Town; conservancy contract, Pokfulam, Aberdeen and Aplichau; conservancy contract, Stanley and Taitam; re-numbering of old head-stones, Government cemeteries; for supply of head-stones old head-stones for use in the Government cemeteries; for transportation of Government stores; for gates for A.R.P. pen shelters; for alterations and additions to H.K.V.D.C. Headquarters.

The ward stated that she had been sold to the defendant for \$16 by her mother in the country, and she was beaten by the defendant between Dec. 2 and 6 for stealing a few cents.

Medical examination showed that the girl had many bruises on her body.

#### HEARING FIXED

Hearing was fixed for Tuesday by Mr. Hinsworth on Saturday of the case in which Siu Hon-pun, 39, travelling trader, was charged with kidnapping a child under 14 years of age.

The defendant was arrested at Reclamation Street on Dec. 1.

#### BURGLARS ACTIVE

Convicted of larceny of a quantity of kitchen utensils, Lam Chi-ming, 20, and Ma Hung, 31, were sentenced by Mr. Hinsworth on Saturday to six months and four months imprisonment, respectively.

Both defendants approached them and asked if they were looking to cash a cheque.

Defendant told them he would cash for them but disappeared, and was not seen by complainant who, on making inquiries, found that the cheque had already been cashed.

On Thursday a clerk of the Bank saw defendant wandering round the bank and had him arrested.

Defendant stated that he had asked his wife to refund complaint but she could not raise enough money.

#### CHOPPER ATTACK SEQUEL

The alleged chopper attack in which two men were killed on Thursday last at No. 3 Gilman's Bazaar had a sequel at the Central Magistracy on Saturday when Ho Sung-hei, 22, was charged before Mr. G. T. Lowry with the murder of Woo Tung-chiu, 28, accountant of the Chung Hwa Book Company.

#### POLICE REPORTS

The thief of boot eyelets, worth \$148, belonging to Arculli Brothers, between Nov. 15 and Dec. 4, has been reported to the Police by Mr. A. H. Madar.

Wong Lau, of No. 107, Austin Road reports that someone entered his house between 11 p.m. on Thursday and 6 a.m. on Friday and stole jewellery and clothing to the value of \$44 on Thursday.

Sgt. Manning, of No. 28, Hankow Road, has reported the theft from his residence of jewellery to the value of \$44 on Thursday.

Chickens, worth \$3240, have been reported stolen on Friday by Mr. Begg, of No. 48, Grampian Road.

Mr. W.R.K. Collings, of the Harbour Department, has reported that while driving car No. 5380 in Connaught Road West at about midnight on Friday, he was momentarily blinded by a light and collided with a stationary lorry in Western Street. Both vehicles were slightly damaged.

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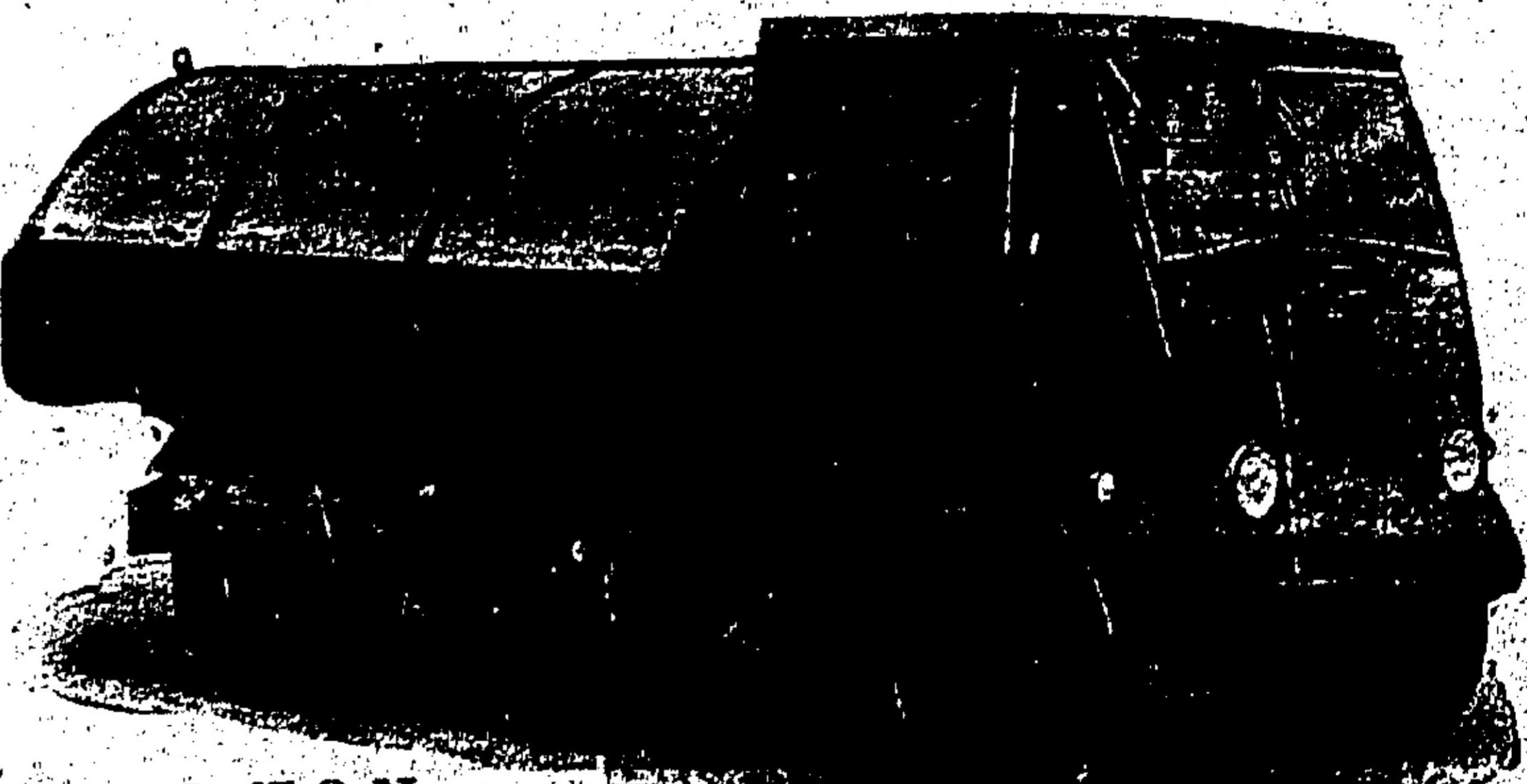
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Uruguayan officials, who boarded the Carnarvon Castle, declared they saw gaping holes of several direct hits above the waterline but observers, including newspapermen who were not allowed to the dock at which the Carnarvon Castle was berthed and who watched the arrival from a pier 500 yards away, report they were unable to see signs of serious damage.

#### DUAL PURPOSE OF CZAKY'S VISIT TO BERLIN

BASLE, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—A development in Germany's diplomatic offensive must be sought in south-eastern Europe, says the Berlin correspondent of the Basler Nachrichten.

Developments in regard to France are not to be expected as M. Laval's proposed visit to Berlin is not to take place.

The correspondent adds that Berlin authoritative circles state that the visit of Count Czaky to Belgrade has two objects. Firstly, to improve relations between the Reich and Yugoslavia, and secondly, to improve relations between Hungary and Yugoslavia.

When these two countries have agreed to adhere to the Nazi new order in Europe the last element of opposition will be disposed of and admission to the Tripartite Pact will appear more attractive to Yugoslavia.

The correspondent declares that the Wilhelmstrasse denies that Switzerland and Sweden have been approached either to join the tripartite agreement or to declare an acknowledgement of German leadership in the new European order.

#### DETAILS OF BRITISH AID FOR SPAIN

Details of further British aid for Spain were announced in a message from London yesterday.

One week after the signing of the Financial Agreement between Britain and Spain, 6,000 tons of manganese ore and a shipment of jute is to be sent to Spain.

It is also revealed that the British Government has bought the entire crop of Spanish orange and is also investigating the possibility of making a large quantity of wheat available to Spain.

#### WHEAT FOR SPAIN

Madrid, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—It is reported that the American Red Cross has arranged to ship 10,000 tons of wheat to Spain to relieve the wheat shortage.

#### EQUAL TO "BEST IN WORLD"

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—War planes now being produced in the United States are equal to the "best in the world," states the War Department.

Action taken before the bulk of the existing mass orders were placed, has corrected deficiencies disclosed by the war.

## Reported Britain-China Military Alliance

TOKYO, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—A Shanghai dispatch to a Japanese news agency asserts that negotiations are now proceeding between the British Ambassador to China and Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek for the conclusion of a secret military alliance between Britain and China.

The agency attributed the report to a "reliable Chinese source" in Shanghai and added that the terms of the proposed alliance would include strenuous efforts by Great Britain to expedite war supplies to Chungking from India and Burma as well as Singapore. Aircraft plants to be established in India, Burma and Singapore, from where latest type of aircraft could be sent to Chungking.

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come under the command of the British Commander-in-Chief in the Far East.

#### NO CONFIRMATION

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—No confirmation could be obtained in official London circles tonight of the Tokyo report, says Reuter's diplomatic correspondent.

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His Excellency the Acting Governor in conversation with Col. H. B. Rose, Commandant, at the H.K.V.D.C. Fanling Camp yesterday. Also in the picture are Lt.-Col. E. J. R. Mitchell, O.R.E., and Capt. S. H. Batty-Smith, A.D.C. (King's Studio).

## FRENCH INDO-CHINA FRONTIER CLOSED TO PASSENGER TRAFFIC

CHUNGKING, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—The Chinese Government authorities have ordered the French Indo-China frontier to be closed to all passenger traffic, both foreign and Chinese, according to an official announcement circulated to the Foreign Consular Body.

The reason given is the inability of the Chinese authorities to guarantee the safety and lives of travellers along the 90-kilometre gap between the present termination of the Chinese section of the Yunnan Railway and the Indo-China frontier.

Two Frenchmen arrived at Kunming today, having been turned back under the new ordinance.

#### CROSS BY FOOT

Hitherto a number of travellers attempted to cross by foot the area where the railway line has been torn up. The area is covered by a dense jungle. Moreover, it is extremely unhealthy.

Hokou, the Chinese frontier post facing the French post at Lokay, is at present in the grip of an epidemic of malignant malaria from which many have died, the victims in many cases succumbing within eight hours of the onset of the attack.

A foreign missionary recently died there from this disease while attempting to transport goods belonging to the West China Union University at Chengtu and his successor, Dr. Crawford, well-known West China medical missionary, has been gravely ill from the same cause.

The R.A.F. is again calling for volunteers. It was announced in London, owing to the larger number of planes being produced, according to Reuter.

An acute shortage of food and clothing in Finland was reported by the crew of the Finnish freighter Wirta on arrival in New York after a 21-day voyage from Petsamo, says Reuter.

President Roosevelt is inspecting sites for naval and air bases leased to the United States by Britain, was expected in St. Lucia, in the Windward Islands yesterday, stated a London message.

The President who is on board the U. S. A. Tuscaloosa was in Jamaica on Thursday.

It has been impossible to move a step so far as would get rid of the Fascist regime of the great power who stands at the head of

the same cause.

Prisoners taken on the various fronts today are reported to total three hundred.

#### PREPARED ATTACK

The extent of the premeditation of the Italian attack on Greece is proved by documents found by the Greeks in their advance into Albania and photostatic copies of which were shown by a Greek spokesman yesterday.

They include orders to annihilate the Greek frontier guards by surprise and a proclamation dated Oct. 25 (two days before Italy sent her ultimatum to Greece) was issued to the Ferrara division, saying

"We are looking forward to Epirus. The day has come. We must conquer."

#### SEVERE FIGHTING

Severe fighting is reported from many sectors in this northern front today. In south-west Podgorica, a battle has been raging throughout the day at the village of Podgorica where the Italians have been using every means at their disposal to stem the Greek advance.

Further north in the sector north-east of Podgorica the Greek forces advanced along the shore of Lake Ohrid to the village of Uduriste, whence they found their way to the line which the Italians had fortified in order to protect the road to Elbasan.

The result of the fierce hand-to-hand fighting between Epiotes, crack Greek troops, and the Italians in the hills in this region yesterday was that the Greeks captured more than 600 prisoners, including one infantry colonel.

#### GAIN HILL

After fierce fighting in the Mos-

## FIFTH RESIGNATION IN FOUR WEEKS

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writes Reuter's Military commentator.

It is the signal of distress flying at the masthead of Signor Mussolini's ship of state.

If Marshal Badoglio resigned because Mussolini willed it then the event is proof of confusion and lack of confidence. It also proves a desperate need to do something spectacular whatever the risk in order to save the Italian army in Albania from destruction, and at the same time to do something to recover the prestige which has been so shattered by the Greeks' courage, energy and military efficiency.

Mussolini may hope that a fresh

mind may yet extricate him and the country from the full consequences of the terrible defeat which has been inflicted on them.

But is this the truth about Badoglio's replacement from the position as Chief of the Italian General Staff? To my mind, it is not.

However desperate the situation and it is desperate—a change of the military chief now only emphasises in the eyes of the Italian people and the world the magnitude of the disaster. This is more so because Mussolini is not recalling the old experienced and trusted leader.

#### UNKNOWN MAN

He is replacing Badoglio by a man who is unknown in the military world, one who has more experience in administration and as a politician than as a soldier in the field.

It is unlikely that Badoglio's retirement was due to any action by Mussolini.

Only one solution remains—that Badoglio resigned of his own free will. If this is so implications are even more important.

As a soldier, Badoglio, an officer of character and honour, would never desert his soldiers on the battlefield. But, if he is hostile to the whole fascist regime and disagreed profoundly with the policy of the party, he would regard the matter from a totally different point of view. Was he concerned at the situation which the party had led the country and the degradation which has been imposed on the Royal house?

In Libya, it may be possible to deliver a heavy blow to Marshal Graziani's advance guard which has been somewhat rashly exposed and pushed forward to Sidi Barrani.

It would not be necessary to carry an invasion into the heart of Libya along a single waterless road. The aim would be to destroy Italian advance forces at Sidi Barrani and drive what is left—if any—out of Egypt.

Political and strategical effects of such a blow on Italy, on Herr Hitler, on Japan, and throughout the world would be immense.

The moment for such a blow is approaching, if indeed it has not already arrived.

## Big Haul Of Smuggled Gold

### SWOOP BY SHAI SEARCHERS

SHANGHAI, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—

One of the largest hauls of smuggled gold in recent years was reported to have been made on Friday afternoon, when Customs searchers swooped down on the Butterfield & Swire steamer, Hsien Peking as it docked from Tientsin. They said they found a cache of 55 gold bars valued at \$320,000.

Though no arrests have been made, it is thought that members of the crew tried to smuggle the gold into Shanghai.

On past occasions, large quantities of gold and other precious metals have been smuggled into the International Settlement from points in occupied China to prevent seizure by the Japanese.

## MEXICAN BASES FOR U.S. NAVY

NEW YORK, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—Twelve over-age destroyers are said to be involved in a "destroyers for naval bases" deal which the United States is about to conclude with Mexico, it was stated in New York on Saturday.

Cables to the New York Times from Mexico City state that the information is based on an "official source" and adds that the deal will follow the lines of that between the United States and Britain.

It is stated a formal agreement will be signed in Washington and "it is believed the bases will be leased not ceded and at least one will be a highly strategic base on the Pacific coast."

#### REPORTS DENIED

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—Mr. Cordell Hull today stated that there is no truth in the Mexico City reports that the United States is negotiating with Mexico to exchange United States destroyers for the use of naval bases and facilities in Mexico.

General Sir Hubert Gough, who was chief of the Allied Mission to the Baltic in 1919, sent a message to Finland on Friday, when that country celebrated Independence Day, says Reuter.

## EPIC STORY OF H.M.S. KELLY'S 91-HOUR TRIP IN SINKING CONDITION

LONDON, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—Behind the brief announcement made by the Admiralty in London on Saturday that the destroyer H.M.S. Kelly is now back in commission, lies one of the most thrilling stories of the war at sea—the saga of a 91-hour trip by the destroyer, crippled and sinking, from the German coast to the safety of a British port.

Only then was it revealed that H.M.S. Kelly made a thrilling trip after being torpedoed, in the course of which she was attacked by aircraft and was rammed by a German E-boat in heavy fog, as long ago as last May.

Kelly was leader of a flotilla of British destroyers which were engaged in operations against enemy minelayers on the German coast when she was torpedoed and badly damaged by a Nazi E-boat.

#### FAIRLY INTENSE BOMBARDMENT

German long-range guns opened up again shortly before noon yesterday, states a message from London.

The bombardment was brief but fairly intense. Only a light mist hides the French coast.

## Indo-China Forces Fail To Counter-Attack

SHANGHAI, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—Despite the crossing of Indo-China on Friday by Thai troops at Polpot and the machine-gunning of Polpot by Thai war planes, the Indo-China forces have failed to counter-attack, according to a Japanese report from Hanoi reaching Shanghai.

The planes are said to have pored in concert with troops crossing the frontier in Cambodia while later Thai planes allegedly bombed Vientiane.

One Japanese report says that it is believed the undersigned cable from Indo-China to Singapore was severed because there is said to have been no response from Singapore.

Maximum temperature yesterday was 75 and the minimum 63.

Total rainfall since Jan. 1 is 117.59 inches against an average of 84.36.

The Royal Observatory report states:

A strong anticyclone covers China, pressure being highest to the north of the Yangtze Valley.

Depressions to the north of Hokkaido and south-east of Tokyo are moving eastward.

The depression to the east of Taiwan is filling up, or moving north-eastward.

**HOCKEY ASSCN.  
TOURNAMENT****UNIVERSITY CAUSE  
SURPRISE**

The most attractive match on yesterday's programme in the Hockey Association Tournament failed to come off.

The game between Royal Engineers and Police "A," to have been played at Sookunpoo, failed to materialise to the annoyance of a good number of spectators who had turned out to watch.

However, University provided the day's surprise by holding off a strong A.N. Others XI, with a star centre-forward and all the other trimmings, and by further denting what appeared to be a promising future for a newly re-organised team by scoring a single goal. The match was played at Pokfulam.

Hans Raj worked the trick for the undergraduates, who were once more as good a team as they were against the Punjabis last week. K. Y. Tam at left-half was University's outstanding player and the forward line were combining better yesterday.

**OTHER GAMES**

C.B.A. beat the Nomads by six goals to one. The half-time score was 4-0. The Nomads tried hard for a while but were nowhere near their early season form. E. Fowler (3), F. Fowler (2) and B. L. Blackford scored the goals.

At Boundary Street, Destroyers found the Police ground rather difficult going and sometimes required all the use of their sea-legs to keep on their feet. Khalasa, with previous experience of the ground, found things easier but were handicapped in some other strange wise, failing to net more than twice with a full First XI taking the field.

Signals beat Gunboats at King's Park by two goals to nil in the only other match played. Halstead and Price scored the goals. Punjabis did not turn up at Lyceum for the match against 5th A.A. "B."

**TOURNAMENT TABLE**

	Goals	P. W. D. L. F. A. Pk.
R. Engineers	4 4 0 0 18 6 8	
5th A.A. "A"	5 4 0 1 15 10 8	
Recreo	3 3 0 0 10 1 6	

**ARMY BILLIARDS**

The following games in the Garrison Billiards Tournament will be decided today:

R.A.P.C. v. Royal Signals; 12th Hvy. Rgt. v. Fortress R.E.; C.M. Police v. RAMC; R.A.S.C. v. R.A.O.C.; 5th A.A. v. 2/Royal Scots.

**SOFTBALL LEAGUE**

The following are the results of the Softball games played yesterday.

**LADIES**

R. H. E.

Wild Cats ..... 29 13 3

Chung Wah ..... 3 0 17

Cardinals ..... 42 21 5

Little Flower Club ..... 6 7 25

Canadian Chinese ..... 11 14

Baby Panthers ..... 3 2

FIRST DIVISION

S. J. Joseph's ..... 5 5

Canadian Chinese ..... 2 4

Chinese Baseball Club ..... 8 11

H.K. Baseball Club ..... 7 7

SECOND DIVISION

V. R. C. ..... 18

R. E. ..... 2

R. A. ..... 7

C. B. ..... 6

HONG GAMES

Lacas ..... 8

Green Spots ..... 6

Shell ..... 20

Tuxaco ..... 4

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**SPORTS & GENERAL****CENTURIES BY LAWRENCE, TAM****MACAULEY'S FINE BOWLING**

Centuries by J. F. Lawrence, for H.K.C.C. "A" XI, and by K. Y. Tam, for University, featured the junior friendly match between the two elevens on Saturday. University won by seven wickets.

Lawrence scored 100 out of 138 in 85 minutes, hitting one six and 21 boundaries. He hit 27 runs off G. Hong Choy in a single over. Tam batted 120 minutes for his 100 not out, hitting 16 boundaries.

The best bowling performance of the afternoon was J. Macauley's 7 for 14 for Diocesan Boys' School against St. Joseph's College.

Saturday's cricket scores were:

**C.S.C.C. DEFEATED**

Kowloon Cricket Club beat Civil Service Cricket Club by two wickets at the Valley. Civil Service C.C.—109 (F. Baker 30 not out, F. R. Zimmerman 4, for 32, R. E. Lee 3 for 33), Kowloon C.C.—118 for 8 wickets (E. F. Fincher 25, D. Hung 30, F. Baker 3 for 22).

**H.K.C.C. LOSE BY 7 WETS.**

University beat Hong Kong Cricket Club "A" XI by seven wickets at Chater Road. H.K.C.C. "A" XI 177 for 5 wkts. dec. (J. F. Lawrence 100, J. L. C. Pearce 29 not out), University 193 for 3 wkts. (K. Y. Tam 100 not out, G. Hong Choy 46 not out).

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**R.A.P.C.—**

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**1940 EDITION NOW ON SALE****VALLEY TRAINING GALLOPS**

The following times were clocked during the training gallops at Happy Valley on Saturday morning:

Distance	1st	2nd	3rd	4th	5th	Last
Qtr.	Qr.	Qr.	Qr.	Qr.	Qr.	Qr.
Cockleroi	31.3	1.02.1	1.30			27.4
Triumphant Day	38.2	1.13.2	1.42.2			29
Clember	32.3	1.06	1.36			30.2
Surprise Again	39	1.17	1.47.2			27
Tornado Star	41	1.24.3	2.01.3			32.1
Red Feather	39.4	1.17	1.52.2	2.24.3		31
Craigayad	38.3	1.12.3	1.46	2.17		31
Royal Highness	38.3	1.12.3	1.46	2.35.4		31.4
O-Lan	38.2	1.13.2	1.47	2.18.4		29.4
Jane Doe	35	1.09	1.41			32
Lillibet	36	1.11	1.45	2.15.2		30.2
Sea Urchin	36	1.09.2	1.41.3	2.12		30.2
Rising Star	35	1.05.4	1.35.4			30
Far View	34	1.05.2		2.03		—
Attacking Time	39.2	1.17	1.52.2			35.2
Baffin Bay	34	1.09.3	1.45.4	2.18.2	2.47.3	29.1
Emergency Unit	40.3	1.17.3	1.53.1	2.23		32.4
Viceroy	29.3	1.00	1.32	2.00.2		28.2
Taxing Master	45	1.23	1.55	2.25.3		30.3
Dawn Star	34.3	1.10	1.45	2.20		35
Roofy						

## RICE PRICE CONTROL: GOVERNMENT REPLY TO CRITICISM

THE SALE OF RICE AT PRICES IN EXCESS OF THOSE FIXED WOULD RENDER THE VENDOR liable to imprisonment for three months or to a fine of \$2,000 or both, under the Defence Regulations, 1940.

This statement was contained in Mr. G. S. Kennedy-Skipton's (Controller of Food) letter to the Hongkong Daily Press in reply to criticism regarding Government fixing of rice prices.

Mr. Kennedy-Skipton writes:

Sir.—With reference to the article in the Daily Press of Friday, on the subject of rice prices, I should be obliged if you would give publicity to the following statement with a view to meeting the criticisms there raised and informing the public mind of the rice position.

**CRITICISM:**—The prices fixed are much too high.

**ANSWER (a):**—The prices fixed are maximum prices, for each grade. Each grade has a number of sub-grades with a price spread between them of 60 to 80 cents. Since the highest of the sub-grades cannot exceed the stated price, the lower sub-grades will be sold at a lower price owing to the better grade being in more demand.

(b):—Owing to the fact that Hongkong relies on imported rice, for its local requirements, it is necessary to pay whatever price the producing countries can command, in short the world price. Government are not, therefore, in a position to fix the maximum retail price at figures lower than those which will induce the shippers to send rice to the Colony, and the prices now fixed are in accordance with this condition.

## JUDGE FOR YOURSELF

The following are legal problems, representative of the 61 actual cases. Consider the facts, apply the principle of law involved, and reach your own decision. You probably believe that you can "put two and two together" as well as the court. But can you?

### THE SPECIALIST

Facts: Anna Mohr's right ear ached so badly that when the specialist advised an operation she readily assented. Before she was anaesthetized, Aruna Mohr believed that the specialist would operate on her right ear. Great was her astonishment when she discovered that he had actually operated on the left one.

The specialist explained that before starting the operation he had examined both ears, and found the left one in more urgent need of an operation. The patient's family physician was present at the operation, and knew of the change of plan. Everyone agreed that the operation had been successful, and skilfully performed; nevertheless the patient sued the doctor.

Law: An unauthorized touching of another's person is an assault and battery—for which damages may be recovered.

Problem: Was Anna Mohr entitled to damages because the specialist cut the left ear without bringing her out of the anesthesia and obtaining her consent?

### THUMBED NOSES

Facts: On several occasions Morris Gartsteinfeld publicly thumbed his nose at John Shannon, and the latter had him arrested for disorderly conduct.

Law: Any person who, with intent to provoke a breach of the peace or whereby a breach of the peace may be occasioned, "uses offensive, disorderly, threatening, abusive or insulting language, conduct or behaviour . . ." shall be deemed guilty of disorderly conduct.

Problem: Would the application of "the thumb of his right hand to the end of his nose," and then executing "an aerial flourish with his fingers" occasion a breach of the peace?

### MARRY IN HASTE . . .

Facts: Mr. and Mrs. Mirizio were married in a civil ceremony in September, 1921. Both being Roman Catholics, they "agreed that they would not live together until after a church wedding, to take place at Christmas. Christmas came, but the husband did not appear for the ceremony.

The wife sued for separation and demanded alimony. She said that she was willing to make a home for her husband, but that she would not cohabit with him until after a church ceremony. Mirizio refused to support a wife in name only.

Law: If, without just cause, a wife refuses to cohabit with her husband, he need not support her.

Problem: Was Mirizio justified in refusing to support Mrs. Mirizio?

## H.K. STOCK EXCHANGE

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Lands, \$32.25.

Trams, \$17.40.

Cements, \$18.

Ropes, \$7.

Watsons, \$10.50.

## FINANCE & GENERAL

## PROBABLE AXIS DRIVE THROUGH SPAIN AND THE BALKANS

An Axis land drive through the Balkans, and perhaps through Spain against Gibraltar, would give British sea power in the Mediterranean great concern and have a vital effect upon the war. Such a drive appears to be in the making, writes Rear Admiral Yates Stirling, Jr., in the Manila Bulletin.

Axis occupation of Rumania, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Greece, would bring the Axis frontier alarmingly close to the Black Sea gateway to the Mediterranean. Furthermore, Axis occupation of the Greek port of Salonica would give Germany and Italy the opportunity to seize Greek islands in the Aegean, including Crete.

Together with the Italian Dodecanese Islands, these seizures would give German and Italian air power new and closer springboards from which to attack the great British naval base at Alexandria, the Suez Canal, British positions in Egypt and Palestine and the oil pipelines from Iraq, from where Britain gets most of the oil needed by her navy.

As has been the case in the Battle of Britain, the fight in the Mediterranean will hinge largely upon air power despite British naval strength there.

How much air power will Britain feel she can spare to send so far from home, with the British Isles still threatened by invasion?

**BRITAIN'S AIR DEFENCE**  
The air defence of Britain still holds out. But Germany, being in a central position, can dispose her total air power with little risk while Britain, if the home defence is weakened by sending a strong air force to the eastern Mediterranean, could not so readily recall them if Germany suddenly attempted to ferry across the channel the large invasion army still based on the coasts of France and the Low Countries.

Britain's defence air force then might find itself inadequate, and Germany might succeed in establishing bridgeheads on English soil.

Hitler hopes to persuade Spain to join the Axis in an attack on Gibraltar, or at least to afford base facilities to German and Italian forces for such an attack. Such an attack would be both by land and air.

German troops are said to be already in Spain. Against such an attack there would be nothing for the British to do but abandon Gibraltar as a naval base, send the warships based there to join the fleet in the Eastern Mediterranean and stand siege.

### MATTER OF TIME

The garrison on the rock would be forced to stand siege without naval aid and with

but little air help. Its fall would be only a matter of time.

In this intricate situation, Turkey and Russia are still unknown quantities. Russia says nothing, Turkey stoutly affirms she will fight to defend herself, but is in constant diplomatic consultation with both sides.

Certainly British land help against Axis hordes cannot be sufficient argument for Turkey to be willing to oppose alone a German attack on the Dardanelles. British naval help there might be effective temporarily, but against the enormous Axis air power it might be difficult, if not impossible, to stop a German drive into Asia if that should be its objective.

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## CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR HAMPERS

### NO. 4 HAMPER

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The course of this war has shown that the indecision of neutrals in all cases has played into Hitler's hands and this same result may be expected in the Near East.

We can be sure that if the British are driven out of the Mediterranean, then with Japan free to carry out her Far Eastern designs, the British sea blockade will be virtually lifted and the Axis will be able to obtain all needed material, especially oil, to continue the war indefinitely.

### RUSSIAN POSITION

Russia is hardly likely to ally with a weak Britain against a strong Axis army and air force and probably would stand aloof.

The Soviet might be bribed by Germany to accept the Dardanelles as a price for remaining inactive.

The course of this war has shown that the indecision of neutrals in all cases has played into Hitler's hands and this same result may be expected in the Near East.

We can be sure that if the British are driven out of the Mediterranean, then with Japan free to carry out her Far Eastern designs, the British sea blockade will be virtually lifted and the Axis will be able to obtain all needed material, especially oil, to continue the war indefinitely.

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## MONEY AND EXCHANGE

### CLOSING QUOTATIONS

DECEMBER 7, 1940.

On London:	Telegraphic Transfer, £1/2 7/8
	Bank Bills, on demand 1/3 7/8
Credits 4 months' sight	
On Shanghai:	On demand ..... 380
On Singapore:	On demand ..... 52 3/4
On Japan:	On demand ..... 100
On India:	Telegraphic Transfer, £32 1/3 and demand ..... 32 1/3
On New York:	Bank Bills, on demand 23 7/16
Credits, 60 days' sight 24 3/16	
On Batavia:	On demand ..... 43 7/8
On Paris:	Bank Bills, on demand Nom. Credits 4 months' sight Nom.
On Saigon:	On demand ..... 101 3/4
On Manila:	On demand ..... 46 7/8
On Bangkok:	On demand ..... 147 1/3
On Sterling Notes:	Bank Buying Rate ... Nom. Bar Silver per oz ..... 23

## Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.

December 7.  
Silver prices rose 1/16 yesterday for both deliveries, the quotations being 23 for Ready and Forward. Silver advices reported the market as being steady but quiet. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.

The London-New York cross-rate was quoted at 403 1/2. New York-London was quoted at 403. 1/8.

## MARKET

Steady.

## STERLING

There were sellers at 1/3 December, buyers at 1/2-1/3 for Cash.

## U. S. DOLLARS

No business was reported. There were sellers at 23 3/4 for Cash buyers at 23 13/16 for Cash.

## SHANGHAI DOLLARS

Some business was arranged at 366 and also 366 3/4. The market closed with sellers at 366, buyers at 365.1/2.

## SHANGHAI MARKET

Sterling sellers for Spot at 351/2 at the opening and closed with sellers at 325/32 for Spot. U.S. Dollar opened with sellers at 6. Subsequently the rate receded to 533/32 and at the close sellers for Spot were again quoted at 6.

## Shanghai Exchange

SINGAPORE, DEC. 7 (Reuter).

## Official T.T. Rates

Opening

London ..... 6/3-11/16

New York ..... 5-5/4

Japan ..... 24-3/8

India ..... 26-3/8 N

Hongkong ..... 24-1/2

## Sterling

Sellers

## Opening

Spot ..... 0/3-1/16 0/3-4/16

Dec. ..... 0/3-25/32 0/3-4/16

Jan. ..... 0/3-25/33 0/3-4/16

## U.S. Dollars

Spot ..... \$6 \$5-31/32

Dec. ..... 5 5-31/32

Jan. ..... 5-31/32 5-51/16

Market: Uncertain.

## Silver Duty Rate

The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/2.

The Yuanization rate was 218 per cent.

## India Rupee Paper

Bombay, Dec. 7 (Reuter).

Govt. 31/2 Rupees, 94-0-0.

## Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, Dec. 7 (Reuter).

T.T. on Japan, 51-1/4.

## LONDON METALS EXCHANGE

London, Dec. 8 (Reuter).

Tin, Standard, Cash, Middle

Price, £223-1/6.

Tin, Standard, 3 months, Middle

Price, £223-7/6.

Market quiet.

## COMMODITY MARKET REVIEW

(FROM PAYNE & CO.)

NEW YORK, December 7, 1940.

	Previous	Dec. 7	
SINGAPORE RUBBER	Close	Opening	Closing
S P O T	38-3/4	38-1/2	38-5/8 off 1/8
JAN-MARCH	37-3/4	37-1/2	37-7/8
APRIL-JUNE	36-1/2	36-1/4	36-5/8 up 1/8

The market was steady.

LONDON RUBBER	Previous close	Today's close	Change
	buyers	buyers	Change
S P O T	11-7/8		
JANUARY	12-1/16		
FEBRUARY	12-3/16	Market closed.	
APRIL-JUNE	12-1/4		
JULY-SEPT.	12-1/8		

NEW YORK COTTON: Bombay interests are reported to be buying July and October on straddles. Local spot houses are selling.

CHICAGO WHEAT: Steady on reports of credits to Spain, the market was, otherwise, quiet.

NEW YORK STOCKS: Previous close, 130.33; Today's close, 131.20; Change up .90.

## NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

	Prev.	Today's	High	Low	Close	Change
New York Cotton, March	10.28	10.21	10.25	10.23	.02 off	
New York Rubber, March			20.35	20.45b	.10 up	
Chicago Wheat, May	864	855	854	864	1 up	
Chicago Corn, May	604	591	594	600	1 up	
New York Hides, March	12.65	12.63	12.60	12.64b	.04 up	

NEW YORK COTTON Close Opening Closing Change

Dec. (New contract)	10.23/23	10.18/18	10.18/18	.05 off
January ( )	10.15 N	10.09b/12a	10.11 N	.04 off
March ( )	10.25/27	10.21/21	10.23/23	.02 off
May ( )	10.19/19	10.14/15	10.17/17	.02 off
July ( )	9.99/99	9.94/94	9.94/94	.05 off
October ( )	9.41/41	9.36/38	9.40n	.01 off
Spot	10.23 N		10.18 N	.05 off

Total sales Friday:—62,500 bales. \*—possible mutation

NEW YORK RUBBER

January	20.55b	unquoted	20.70b	.15 up
March	20.35/35	20.31b/44a	20.45b/52a	.10 up
May	20.15/15	20.10b/20a	20.25b/30a	.10 up
July (New contract)	19.93 N	19.85/85	20.05b/15a	.12 up

Total sales:—50 tons.

CHICAGO WHEAT

May	858/854	858/854	864/864	1 up
July	814/81	814/81	82/82	1 up

Friday's sales:—10,901,000 bushels.

CHICAGO CORN

May	594/594	598/593	60/60	1 up
July	594/594	597/593	601/604	1 up

NEW YORK HIDES

March	12.80/60	12.60b/60a	12.64b	.04 up
June	12.40/40	12.40b	12.45/45	.06 up

Total sales for the day:—23 contracts.

N.Y. Official Silver ..... 34-3/4  
NY-London Cross Rate 4.03-1/2

## LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE

(REUTER'S SERVICE)

London, Dec. 6.

The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.

Reasons given were the strained international situation, the embargo on scrap iron exports by Australia and the United States and the embargo on pig-iron exports by India, which made it impossible to carry on.

## SILVER MARKET

BOMBAY SILVER

Bombay, Dec. 7 (Reuter).

Market-Steady. Offtake 100 bars.

Indian Mint Silver

Ready ..... 61-00

Dec. 27 Settlement ..... 60-15

Jan. 22 Settlement ..... 60-14

Loan ..... 47

Honan Bly. 5% ..... 18

(L.P. N.Y. Issue) ..... 15

Hukung Bly. 5%, 1911..... 13

(German Issue) ..... 13

Lung Tsing &amp; U. H. 5% 1913 ..... 14

Shai Elec. Contr. Co. 5% ..... 15

Shai Waterworks "A" ..... 13

Union Insurance ..... 20

Guia Kalimpong Rubber ..... 15/7

Lon. Mid. &amp; Scot. Bly. 14

Great Western Bly. 13

Mincing Syndicate ..... 2/-

P.M. Tob. (bearer) ..... 63/9

Mincing-Pukow Bly. 15

(Brit. Std. Supl. Loan) ..... 15

Tientsin-Pukow Bly. 5% ..... 15

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Jap. 5% Ster. Loan, 1924 ..... 31

Ger. 7% Int'l. Loan, 1924 ..... 6

Chartered Bank ..... 24

H.K. &amp; Shai Bank (Ldn) ..... 75

H.K. &amp; Shai Bank (Outl) ..... 78

China Eng. &amp; Mining (bearer) ..... 16/3

Chosen Corporation ..... 4/-

Mercantile Bank of India, £5, "G" ..... 10/

National Bank of India ..... 30

1940 High Low Close Change

152.80 111.54 30 131.43 120.48 131.52 .96 off

32.67 22.15 30 27.57 27.57 27.30 .22 off

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**TURKEY TO ACT AS  
MEDIATOR IN  
ITALO-GRAECO WAR**

ZURICH, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—Further reports appear to have been cabled to London about Germany's attitude towards Italy's war with Greece.

To judge by telegrams received here from London an impression had been conveyed there that Swiss correspondents in Berlin have reported a desire on the part of the Wilhelmstrasse to induce Italy to come to terms with Greece.

This is not correct. The only reference to the matter in the Swiss press appears in the Zurich newspaper Die Tat, whose Berlin correspondent carries a suggestion current there that Turkey is mediating between Italy and Greece.

The insinuation that the Germans are obviously trying to convey is that Turkey is coming into Germany's diplomatic game.

**ANOTHER R.A.F. RAID  
ON ASSAB**

CAIRO, Dec. 8 (Reuter)—Yet another raid was made on Assab and a nearby large motor transport concentration, states Saturday's R.A.F. communiqué.

Photographs taken during this raid revealed that damage done by the raids on Nov. 24 and 25 were considerable, two dumps being completely destroyed by fire.

On Dec. 5 Neguelli, Moyale and Moga were raided by aircraft of the South African Air Force. Several direct hits with high explosives were obtained on targets in each of these areas, causing considerable damage.

On Dec. 6 normal reconnaissances were carried out. In the Western Desert weather conditions were very bad and restricted operations.

**WEATHER REPORT**

Hongkong Royal Observatory

10 a.m. Dec. 8.

Barometer (at sea level), 30.13 ins.

Temperature, 71 F.

Humidity, 65 per cent.

Wind Direction, NE.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 2.

Temperature: maximum yesterday, 77 F.

Temperature: minimum last night, 63 F.

Rainfall for 24 hrs. ending 10th today, nil.

Total rainfall since January 1st, 117.89 ins.

Against an average of 24.36 ins.

Sunset tonight, 5.38 p.m.

Sunrise tomorrow, 6.52 a.m.

4 p.m., Dec. 8.

Barometer (at sea level), 30.08 ins.

Temperature, 70 F.

Humidity, 72 per cent.

Wind Direction, ESE.

Wind Force (Beaufort), 3.

Maximum temperature, 75 F.

Minimum temperature, 63 F.

Rainfall, nil.

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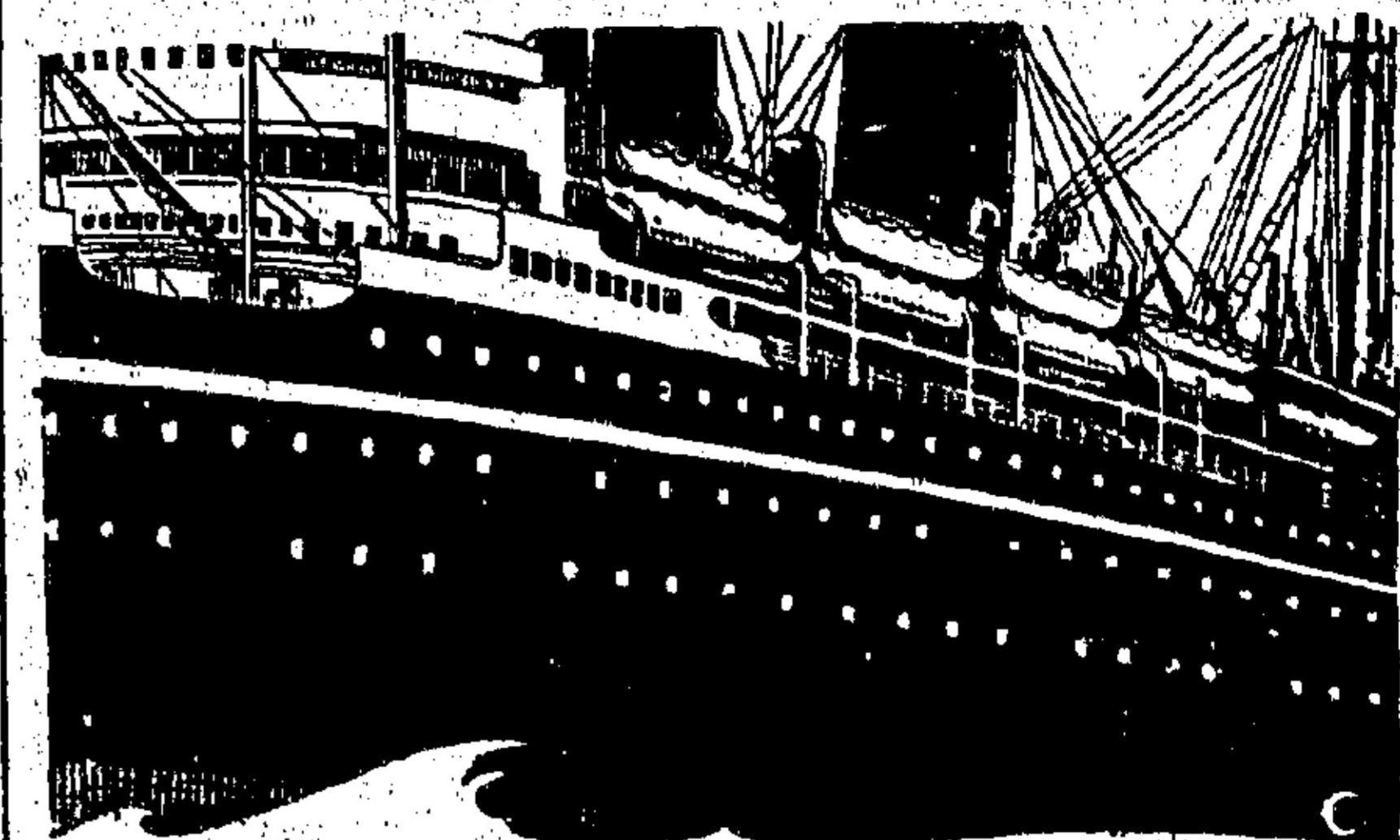
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